

HISTORY OF ARDELL BUHLER CLYDE

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Adeline (Ardell) Louise Buhler Clyde on her 80th birthday looked almost a generation younger, her face nearly free of wrinkles, her smile dazzling and her brown eyes still luminous and eager. Her birthday party was held at her home in Heber City, Utah 380 E 1st N. She had been in the Heber Hospital for almost a year where they could take care of her pain and where she could take care of her other needs. She visited her home any time she wanted and this made her happy.

30th of August, 1972 was a beautiful autumn day, a perfect day for party on the lawn. Her children planned the party with her help on the invitations. She was happy to have all of her children home to celebrate her 80th birthday---she had wanted a family photo for years. She was also anxious to see her family, friends and neighbors.

She greeted nearly 400 guests in about 6 hours and called each one by name. Her mind was clear and sharp---she visited with the old and the young and enjoyed each one. Refreshments were served and many stayed for visiting with the family and old friends. There were chairs, and shade from the sun and plenty of room and food. Everyone had a good time. Most of the guests remembered good times with Ardell and Dean and their family. It was like coming home for many.

In her lifetime Ardell influenced the lives of many. When she passed away 1½ years later her loss was a personal one for hundreds of people.

Ardell was born 30 Aug. 1893 in Midway, Wasatch Co. Utah. She was christened Adeline, but she changed her name when she was very young because she liked the name of Ardell best.

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She was the 5th child in a family of 13 brothers and sisters. Her father was Gottfried Buhler and her mother was named Louise Barben Buhler. Franklin died at the age of 3 yrs. William John, Joseph, and Alma were older; Francis, Ephriam, Orson, Bernice, and Vesta (Bonnie) and Thurman were younger. Ardell had a very happy childhood, she was close to her brothers and sisters all of her life. She was always happy to have them stay at her home and because their mother died when the children were young she was a second mother to them.

Her grandparents were among the early settlers of Midway. The Barben and Buhler families came to Utah to be with other members of their new found faith. They joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Switzerland when the missionaries preached the gospel to them. Many of the Swiss members settled in Midway because it reminded them of the beauty of their native land. For many years Midway had a population of one thousand people and half of the town spoke German and had their separate church service.

The Church was a important part of Ardell's life as it was with her family and other residents of Midway. She was baptised 9 June, 1901, at the age of 7 yrs. She had special permission from her Bishop as 8 years was the required age for children to be baptised in the Church. She was baptised by Benjamin Hair and confirmed by her father the same day. She was faithful in attending her church meetings all of her life. Except for the last few years of her life ----- she was in a position of leadership starting at the early age of twelve. She played the organ in Primary at that early age. When she was 14 she was Sec. of the M.I.A. and the ward organist.

When Ardell was old enough to sit on the organ stool, her father taught her to play the melody and he would work the foot pedals and play the chords. She loved music all of her life and with the exception of a years lessons after her marriage from Mr. Tilson and her fathers help she taught herself. She was one of the best players on the piano and organ in Wasatch County. In her later life she had Roy Darley for her teacher--he played the organ in the tabernacle for many years. The first music she played was church hymns and she often said her fondest memories of her childhood was playing duets with her father. As they played the church songs her father would sing the words and it was always with great volume and feelings.

She loved and admired her father all of her life. She worked in his store when she was very young--she liked being with him. She could speak both German and English well --the customers were half and half. The salesmen who came from the city always had something special for Ardell. They knew that if they had a coat, hat, gloves etc. that Ardell liked her father would purchase it for her. She had first choice of yardage that was ordered for sale in the store. Her mother was a excellent seamstress so she was the best dressed girl in town. She loved and had beautiful clothes all the rest of her life.

From her mother she inherited her beauty and looks. Her grace, kindness, shyness and love and interest in people also came from her mother. She learned to work and helped her mother around the house. There was always a hired girl but with such a large family of boys there was plenty for Ardell to do.

She was ambitious all of her life. As a girl she inherited a brilliant mind, ambition, courage and a deep religious faith from her father. (always called Pa)

She attended school in Midway, graduated with a class of twelve from the eight grade as a honor student. She went to Wasatch High for three years. She was in her second year when her mother passed away. She stayed home for the next two years and helped her father and tried to be mother to her brothers and sisters who were still in the home. When she returned to school she was still with friends her own age for she had received a special promotion while she was in the 6th grade. Ardell loved school and she was a good student. Her favorite teacher was Theo B. Miller and she in his class two different years. He was a outstanding teacher and a great educator. He worked for the founding of a High School in Heber. He thought it was bad to send the young students of The Valley to Provo and Ogden for a high school education. He was a great music teacher and he composed many of the operettas and dramatic sketches of the community. He won fame for his poetry and for writing the words for many songs--the best known is "Utah We Love Thee"

Her friends in school were her lifelong friends: Tressa Coleman, Pansy Bonner Giles, Myrtle Walkins, Effie Murdock, Della Sulser, Lilly Kummer, Letha Coleman, Grace Sunderger, Chloe Murdock, Dyce Moulton, Laura Glyde, Elberta Hicken, Lacy Alpians and Ethel Hicken. Some of her boy friends were Guy Duke, Guy and Henry Coleman, Dear Clyde, Wade Cummings, Tom McMullen and others. She met Dean (her future husband) at her 8th grade graduation dance. They went with each other at times for about 5 years. Dean was at his fathers sheep herd each summer working and in the winter time he went to school in Logan and Provo.

Ardell and Letha took turns driving to high school in their fathers buggy or sleigh. In the winter time it was so cold they often missed their 1st class while they thawed out by the radiator.

Ardell was always busy-besides working in her fathers store and helping with the house work she helped wash, dry and fold the bathing suits and towels that were rented to customers for swimming. She had time for fun and church. She loved to dance, to read good books, to sew, take part in school sports and activities and to play the organ.

As she said, they had to make their own fun for their was not much going on in Midway. Her greatest sport was talking on the phone and playing jokes on people. Both she and her friend Tress were good at disgusting their voices and mocking others. In 1904 the Bell Telephone brought phone service to Midway. It was some time before they had phones in homes but most business places in the valley had them. As Ardell had a key to her fathers store she and Tress could go in at nite and have some fun with the telephone. They could mimic in English or German and no one ever thought of calls coming from Buhlers store at night. Among the calls they made was one to the Undertaker in Heber, Mr. Winterrose, they ordered a coffin for Kunie Gertch. Mr. Winterrose extended his sympathy ~~and said he didn't~~ know poor Kunie was even sick. They called Mr. Buell often at his home and made complaints about merchandise they had bought at his store in Heber. Tress told him that she was unhappy with the gloves she purchased, they had holes in every finger. He asked how long she had been wearing them and the answer was only three years. He said he could do nothing for her she said she would never come to his store again and she would tell all of her family and friends what

kind of merchandise he carried. He was sure to loose all of his business because of the gloves he sold her. At different times they ordered flowers to be delivered to funerals, weddings or gifts. They ordered groceries, coal and lumber to be delivered C.O.D. They sent messenger's by way of a neighbors phone asking different people in their church to give a sermon, sing a song or preach to a funeral --each time they would be the Bishops wife or some one in charge of church organizations. They went to meeting early so they could sit on the front row. The things that happened were interesting and confusing but they would never crack a smile.

The telephone calls were a problem and the Town Board called a special meeting to see what they could do. The leaders of Midway were her father Fred Buhler, James B. Wilson, Henry Coleman, John A. Fortle, Wilford Van Wagner, Fred Hasler, John and Ulrich Probst. As the sec. could not come to the meeting and as it was held in her fathers store Ardell was asked to attend the meeting and take the minutes. After much discussion about the pranks being played on the citizens of Midway it was decided that it was a gang of boys from Heber.

Ardell and Tressa were not the only ones who played pranks but they did more than their share. On Hallaween cows were painted green or purple, the window panes in the school house painted yellow, gates were taken of hinges, back houses tipped from their foundations and so on and on.

Just one time did a joke backfire on Ardell and her friend Pansy Bonner. They dressed in the Buhler boy's new suits and clothes and walked down the dark street of Midway--main street. Her brothers and other boys thought they were from Heber so they threw rotten eggs at the well dressed boys. Ardell thought that was a good joke until

her brothers got the last laugh. It wasn't easy to clean the clothes so that they looked as good as new. No cleaners in those days.

Once they put the printed card with the sacrament prayers under the table cloth on the sacrament table because the boy's who were to officiate had teased them. They only did that once for it took so long to find the scriptures and the prayers. They probably pushed the Book of Mormon back under the pulpit so it was hard to find. Prayers are in Moroni 4:3 and Ch 5:2 if some one ever does this to you.

Ardell had a happy life with her parents and brothers and sisters, she loved each one dearly. Her home was a typical L.D.S. home they had family prayers each day and they attended church every Sunday. Her mother welcomed family and friends, she loved to cook and entertain. Life changed for the Buhler family when their wonderful, sweet mother passed away in January of 1914. Her brother Thurman was only 5 years of age, Vesta-7 yrs, Bernice a few years older and her brothers Orson. France and Rolland were still home. The older boys moved to Idaho-Bill Eph and Joe and over the years Will and his wife Rachel gave employment to others of the family. Ardell felt like it was her place to help her Father and her brothers and sisters. She dropped out of school and did all she could to help her family.

After about a year her father decided to marry again, Ardell thought she was taking care of every thing and she objected to this marriage. She thought it was too soon and besides that her father hardly knew the women- they quarreled about that and other problems in the home. Ardell left home and stayed in the home of her friend Pansy Bonner. She also got a job of clerking in Bonners store. (Louise died 26, Jan. 1914 and Gottfried Buhler married Mary Burkhard 6 May 1915) She was a convert of just 5 months from Switzerland--she never did learn to speak English.

Ardell was engaged to be married to L. Dean Clyde at this time and as things were so uncertain with her father and her home they decided to move the marriage date up a few months. Deans parents loved Ardell and they were anxious to help her. They knew that she worried about her brothers and sisters at home. They were not happy with their new step mother and they missed Ardell. The Clydes suggested that Dean and Ardell get married and live in the family home for awhile. Ardell could have her family come here to visit. Deans parents understood her problem and they loved and treated Ardell as one of their own family.

Ardell and Dean were married 6 Jan. 1916 in the Salt Lake Temple. Mother Clyde went to Salt Lake with them--they traveled to Park City in a buggy and from there to Salt Lake on the train. Ardell was happy to have Mother Clyde with her for her marriage and to be with her as she went in the temple for the first time. They stayed at the Cullen Hotel in Salt Lake for a few days and when they returned to Heber the Clydes had a wedding reception in their home for their family and friends. Ardells father came and brought the younger children: Bernice, Vesta and Thurman. Vesta remembers Ardell taking her and Bernice into the bathroom as soon as they arrived and combing their hair and fixing their bows and stockings tight.

As her husband was away herding the sheep she was happy living with the Clydes. Father Clyde treated her as one of his daughters she received an allowance just as Edna and Lily did. She had always been with large family so now she was content. At first she was bashful but everyone was so kind to her she soon overcame that. About 4 months after her marriage she found out that she was going to have a baby. She wanted to keep it a secret for awhile but everyone seemed to know.

Glenna LaRay was born 9 Jan. 1916 in the Clyde. She was the first grandchild in the Clyde family so she received a lot of attention and love. She was a beautiful baby with brown eyes and hair. Ardell and Dean had moved about a block west of main street and the Clyde home just before the baby was born. They enjoyed their little apartment and were glad they were close to the family. When Glenna was three months old Father Clyde made arrangements for Dean and his brother Bert to take over the Witt Farm. This was one mile south of town. Since Glenna's birth her grandfather came each day to see her, he still visited each day and usually took her for a ride in his car. He said she was his baby and he did enjoy her. She was quite an attraction. Bernice and Vesta came from Midway each weekend and they loved to hold her. They would race the last mile (cutting through the fields) and the first one there got to hold the baby first. Bert and Annie lived on the ranch too and they helped tend her. There was only one house so each family had a bed room and shared the kitchen and the living room. The extra bedroom was used for company either Miles & Lily or Vesta & Bernice.

Everyone was happy but they had one problem. They had bed bugs. They tried every remedy known but the bugs continued to bite the baby. Bert had an idea and he tried sheep dip. It smelled terrible but it did kill the bugs. However they did paint the entire house with it.

They had 14 cows to milk and feed and then the milk had to be separated morning and and nite. Annie and Ardell took care of the separator---after running the milk throu it had to be washed, sterelized and put back together. Ardell milked cows or helped at times. Pigs, chickens, lambs had to be cared for especially when Dean and Bert were taking care of the sheep. Ardell hated farm life and she was lonely living out of town even though she had Annie. Their transportation

to town was a horse and buggy. Cora, the horse was so slow that sometimes they walked. When they had Glenna and groceries they were happy for the horse and buggy. Father Clyde came every day his new Maxwell but he came to see the baby. His health had not been good for some time so on doctors orders he went to Calif. to rest and enjoy the warm sunshine in wunter. This helped a little but he died at his home 28 Aug. 1917. This was a great loss for all the family, he was loved by all. He suffered at the end with his heart, kidneys and gout. Their prayers were answered when he was released from his pain. He ruled and guided in his home and in his business. Bert, Lynn and Dean were married but it was their Dad who supervised the sheep, the land and all things. He was a wealthy man and he was a leader. Shortly before his death he was a counsler in the Stake Presidency and he was the Mayor of Heber at one time. He was a outstanding teacher in the schools and in the different church positions he held.

Ardell was happy when they bought a home in town. It was on North Main Street just one block south of the Clyde family home. Her second child was born 23 Nov. 1917. They named their new son Edward Wilber, the Edward after Father Clyde.

Their new home was a large sand stone house on a large yard. It was well built with thick walls that kept the home cool in the summer and easy to heat in the winter. There was one bedroom down stairs and three up stairs. Cold water was piped into the kitchen sink which was a luxury for the family. The yard was large- $\frac{1}{2}$ of a city block. Later a large barn was moved at the back and their was a place for chickens and pigs. Cottonwood trees shaded the entire place. Thefront was fenced so that Ardell could grow flowers, she was delighted with every thing about her

new home. It was great to live in town again where she had neighbors and where she could visit her friends. Dean was at the sheep herd much of the time and when he was home he worked long hours.

Edith Barbara Clyde their third child was born 12 May, 1920. She was a beautiful baby with dark eyes and hair. She was a good natured baby and every one enjoyed her. Ardell's sister Vesta came to live with them when Barbara was a few months old. She loved to tend the baby and was happy to be with Ardell and Dean. This was her home and she was one of the family from then on. She helped each one of the children during their lifetime and was loved and appreciated as their older sister.

From the very first there was laughter and fun in her home. Her husband was a cut-up and full of fun as was Ardell. Someone was always playing a joke on someone and the one I remember hearing about was: the wig came off of a large doll that Glenna had and as it was the same size as the baby's head (Barbara) Ardell placed the wig on her head. She looked so cute with a full head of black curly hair that it soon became the thing to do. Both Ardell and Vesta would take the baby to town in the buggy and as people admired the baby the wig would get tipped to one side or come off and it gave a few people quite a scare. As someone held Barbara in their arms it was fun to brush the wig to one side and then off. This joke was used just as long as the wig fit the baby's head. Then it was put in the bottom of the trunk so it could be used on a future baby at another time. (Shirley was next)

Roy J Clyde was born 21 Feb. 1923. He was a beautiful little boy with blue eyes and blond hair. He was good natured and always so full of love that the family and all who knew him loved him all of his life. Vesta sewed all of his baby clothes so he was never dressed in a baby dress--he had rompers. She loved to sew and Ardell was thrilled that she could design so many beautiful clothes for not only for the other children. Vesta tended to as she had

baby Barbara. When he was too old for the bassinet he slept with Vesta. As Ardell was busy with her children, helping her husband, working in the community and church she was happy to have Vesta tend Roy most of the time. Vesta liked to dress him in the suits she sewed for him--she changed his clothes two or three times a day. Roy was a mama's boy, he cried if he did not have Vesta or his mother with him. When he was still young Vesta graduated from High School and went to Salt Lake to Business School. It was a sad parting for both of them.

As Ardell and Dean were the first of their crowd to marry- their home was a gathering place for their friends. They had parties, dinners and many evenings of just visiting. Everyone gathered at their home before the dances and to prepare for fishing or hunting trips. Costume Balls were popular and it seemed they had as much fun getting dressed as they did at the dance. They won first prize many times--Ardell dressed as a Indian and Dean was always a clown or a comic character. One year Barbara was a papoose and carried on her mother's back--this won a first place.

Everyone was welcome in the Clyde home any time. They both loved company and they entertained all of their lives. Ardell cooked and served delicious food and Dean was a top entertainer. Ardell and Dean loved to have family visit--their home was a resting place for relatives from Park City, Salt Lake and other places. On holidays and special celebrations beds were made on the floor, on the porch and in tents set up in the yard. Ardell prepared the food and was ready to feed anyone who stopped by the home.

Memorial Day, 4th of July, 24th, Black Hawk Days, Fair Time and any other holiday was celebrated in Heber with fire work, parties, parades, a carnival and activities around the Stake House on Main St.

During the Fair or Stock Show Days in Wasatch Co., Ardell won many blue ribbons on her hand work, crafts and cooking. As she was in some of the church organizations most of her life, she helped with or was in charge of different departments. Her husband and boys won ribbons for their sheep, horses or cattle. For many years Dean donated one or two lambs for the Free Barbecue and helped cook the meat. Ardell always help serve----the number was in the thousands.

Christmas was the best of all holidays, it was a wonderful time for all of the family. The children started to celebrate the first of Dec. by making decorations and gifts. Ardell started to make her gifts for the next year as soon as the christmas tree was taken down. She painted, sewed, embroidered, croched and designed different crafts for her friends, family and neighbors. Most of her life she had 20 or 30 friends on her gift list. Both Ardell and Dean saw that Santa brought the children many presents--they had more toys than any of their friends. The meaning of christmas and the spirit of giving was important. The family took part in the church and community celebrations. Christmas Eve was celebrated at the Clyde family home. Mother Clyde had gifts for all and the parlor was always decorated. Bert and Annie, Lynn and Sadie, Edna and Ern and Dean and Ardell and all of the children came to enjoy a christmas feast, a program and the giving and getting of gifts. Santa always came to hand the gifts to each one. The children knew he was real for he knew each name and he could sing all of the christmas songs. Later Lily and Reed and Miles and Tillie brought their families. Lily carried on the tradition for many years as Grandma lived with her family in their home across from the No. 1 School. Lily decorated the christmas tree and took charge of the festivities from the beginning.

Ardell remembered most of the years she had money to plan and give everyone a good christmas. One year when the sheep did not bring in

much money they had to sell their milk cow to have money for toys for the children. There were also a few years when they bought gifts for everyone and had no money left to exchange gifts with each other.

Home was always the happiest place on earth for all of the family. Ardell played games with her children and their friends were always welcome. She was always happy and she made others happy with her treats, presents and games. When decorations were to be made for Christmas, Thanksgiving, 4th of July and so forth she helped the children make them. She taught them to make green and red paper chains and helped anyone as they needed her skill. Popcorn and cranberries were strung on string and it was a contest to see who could do the longest or the best string. There were different colors for different holidays--red and green for Christmas; yellow, green and purple for Easter, orange, yellow and brown for Thanksgiving; red white and blue for Memorial Day and the 4th of July.

It was fun for all to make greeting cards and gifts for special occasions. Ardell planned with the children for Father's Day gifts and Dean taught them the importance of Mother's Day. There was love and happiness every day of the year.

Ardell and her husband were both ambitious--they never seemed to get tired. Dean was a good provider and Ardell knew how to manage and take care of her household. They were hard workers all of their lives but they always found time for some recreation and fun. They were out of bed at the break of dawn each morning and while Dean did the chores, Ardell dressed, put on her make-up and fixed her hair. No one in the family saw her when she was not all dressed.

up. She didn't like house dresses so instead of buying them she used her older sunday dresses for house work. It was not until after all of her children were married and she was older that she ever wore a robe or house slippers. It was one of the family rules that each member of the family be dressed and clean for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

She cooked three meals every day for her family and often for hired men. She never seemed to tire of cooking and she was happy when they had company. She was a good cook---many praised her for the delicious food she served. Each meal was served on clean white linen, fine china and good silver ware. Mealtime was a happy time--family problems were never mentioned for everyone knew food digested best when everyone was happy. At times a child was sent from the table because of bad table manners or a cross word -- everyone learned at a young age that meal time was a fun time. Each family member was expected to be on time for every meal. Friends were always welcome but they had to be home the family.

There was always plenty of meat--lanb, beef, pork and deer. Fish and pheasant were enjoyed in and out of season. As they did not have freezers in those days it was a trick to keep the meat from spoiling. Each time the meat was placed in a heavy canvas bag with a draw string at the top. The bag was then wraped in a heavy quilt and stored in the celler where it was cool. At nite when it cooled off the meat was hung high up in a tree. This was done by a wire clothes line and a pulley. It was important that this task be done at sun-rise and sun-set to protect the meat from the flies and the dogs. Ardell bottled beef and lanb for the food storage. She also bottled fruit in its season. With the help of Bonnie, Glenna, Barbara hundreds of bottles were put-up (as it was called) and stored in the celler. Each fall potatoes and veget-

ables were stored for winter use. Sometimes meat (mutton) was traded for a winter supply of flour or for bushels of apples.

The early years of her married life the cloths were washed by a washer but it had to be turned by a handle--back and forth. Clothes were boiled in a large boiler on top of the kitchen stove. The flat iron was heated on the stove so she could iron the cloths. She made the soap from lard and lye to wash clothes and to use for cleaning the house. If her husband was busy with the sheep she papered or painted inside the house. Once a year fresh calcimine (water Paint) was put on the walls that did not have paper on. She said this was easier than washing them. Rather than cleaning the floor rugs once a year by beating them on the clothes line she scrubbed them often with soap, water and a scrub brush. She never seemed to get tired and most of her life she did the work of two or three people.

Each member of the family took a bath in a tin tub once a week. (Sat. nite) Water was heated on top of the kitchen stove and the tub was placed in front. As each child took a turn hot water was added to the bath water--three or four could use the same water but each had a clean towel. Two different times the family had the itch and they were treated with a black salve and a hot bath twice a day. (Morning and nite) Clean clothes and bedding every day and for each one was quite a job. Ardell saw that the itch was cured in just a few days. When Roy was a baby Vesta had to care for the children and get rid of the itch.

The only work she ever complained off was cleaning sheep wagon. She hated to clean out the grub boxes and to patch the heavy dark quilts used at the sheep herd. She didn't like it but she took care of the sheep wagons most of her married life.

Both Ardell and Dean worked hard all of their lives but they knew the importance of recreation and a good time. They enjoyed their friends and planned many parties, outings, trips. They went to Salt Lake often the two of them, and ate to the finest cafe's and went to the theater at nite. They always stayed at the Cullen Hotel--this was the meeting place for the sheep men of the state. Ardell loved to shop in the large stores--a new hat, dress or coat made her happy.

It was a treat and a change in her busy day to dress up and walk to town. She never took any of the children for she liked to meet one of her friends at Add Everett's Confectionary. There would have a coca cola or a fountain drink and visit for 30 min. or so. She would visit with Hope Watson or Pansy Giles, Floss Buys, Jennie Giles or Mabel Dalmen, Jennie Broadbent, and so on. She liked opera bars or coconut chocolates. She never ate more than one bar or two chocolates any time during her life. She had great self-control when it came to food or sweets.

Every summer for many years (as long as Dean had sheep) Ardell and children spent the summer at the sheep herd. Wolf Creek was a beautiful place and she loved it because there was a nice cabin there. A few summers were spent at Strawberry or Soapstone as the Clyde brothers had reserves at all three places. Ardell loved to ride a horse as she accompanied her husband at day break to round up the sheep. She could relax all day for there was very little work to do. Dean did most of the cooking--he was used to cooking lamb, fried potatoes and sour dough biscuits. He was a good cook especially sour dough biscuits. It was always a treat for family and friends to visit---they had lots of company during the summer season. Ardell played games and went for hikes with the children.

At nite a large bonfire was built and there was music, stories and treats. Quite often the neighbors from other camps came to join the fun. Dean played the banjo and guitar and both Roy and Dean played the harmonica. The boys went fishing and they practiced roping and shooting at targets. At times there were wild strawberries on the hill side. It was a treat to get snow from the high peaks and make ice cream with strawberries and canned milk.

In the fall it was always good to come back home. Weeds would be so high that the bottom of the house was covered--Ardell would tell the children that they would find their castle like in the stories she told them.

Some of the visitors they enjoyed at the herd were: Lynn and family, Bert and Annie, Wade and Odetta Cummings, the Jordens, Bairds, Fitzgeralds, Don Clyde family, Ren and Irene Price, Frank and Myrtle Aldous, Charles and Hortence, Edna, Lily and families also the different sheep herders. Ardell's brother France came each summer with his family. In later years there was the Wolf Creek Round Up which was held for three counties. Thousands of people came for the program which was held at the head of Wolf Creek. Ardell and Dean always had lots of visitors at that time and the table was set many times a day for good food. One year Ardell said that they cooked and served a whole lamb and when it was all over she could find only a cucumber sandwich for her dinner. They never seemed to tire of company.

Dean liked to tell this story about his wife: one summer Ardell was pregnant with her 4th child Roy, she was ill most of the summer and she craved fresh fruit. This was hard to come by up in the mountains. One nite Dean and Wade had gone to the closest store at Kill Care to buy pickles for her. Another time

Wade and Odetta took Dean and Ardell to visit a family who were camped at the head of Wolf Creek. As soon as they went into their camp Ardell could smell cantalope. She was wishing that they would be treated with a taste but they were not asked to share. While Dean and Wade were saying good-bye Ardell and Odetta slipped around to the back of the camp and found the fruit. Ardell reasoned that the cantalope could never taste as good to the owners as they would to her. They would be going back to town and they could buy some more. So they stuffed their shirts full and took them home, not saying a thing to their husbands. Just before they served supper the strangers came into camp and asked the men if they had seen anyone with their cantalope. They thought it was terrible for someone to steal supplies from the camp ground and they promised to be on the look out. When supper was finished Ardell and Odetta served cantalope for desert. Dean and Wade could hardly believe their eyes but they enjoyed the fruit too. They all had a good laugh and they were happy that Ardell was happy.

She had many carefree summers but in the winter time she often had the care and responsibilities of the family. Dean had to spend time with the sheep as they were wintered on the east desert. The winters were long and they missed each other. She had the chores to look after -- she milked the cow and saw that the hired help feed the livestock. When Ed was very young he helped and took over many of the chores. Ardell feed the chickens and pigs and in the spring there was baby lambs to be feed. Each winter or when her husband was gone for any length of time Ardell sold the chickens. She didn't think they were worth the time and care she spent on them. When Dean came home he would buy more biddies and when they were grown and laying eggs she would sell them. He did give up after a few times--he didn't have a chance when Ardell made up her mind. One year Ardell lost her diamond from her wedding ring. She was sure she had feed it to the

chickens. She killed every one and cleaned them looking for the diamond but she never did find it. This may have been the reason she hated chickens.

Although Ardell was lonely for her husband the children were not aware of it. She made her home a happy place for all. She did not raise her voice to the children or did she scold or punish very often. If the children needed to be disciplined she would ask her sister Vest to take care of them. As Glenna grew up and Vesta was not in the home she was good at giving slaps and punishments. to the younger children. Ardell did say to each child, "I will tell your Papa." And when Papa corrected it was with a lecture that seemed to last for-ever. The children respected their mother because of love or fear of their Dad.

Home was the happiest place on earth. The children liked to be home. Ardell played games with them, she had surprises, treats and always rewards for work well done. Friends were always welcome and there was always room for one more. She made every holiday see important as she told stories about it and provided materials to make decorations.

Shirley Ardell Clyde was born 17th of Feb. 1926. She was a beautiful baby with dark eyes and hair. She looked more like Ardell than any of the other children. The family loved and enjoyed her. Babies in the Clyde home were always a blessing. She was the 5th child born in that wonderful home on Main Street.

Ardell had a busy life but she loved it. Besides caring for her family she was active in her church and community. She was organist of the Heber First Ward Relief Society and assistant for the Ward for many years. She played the organ in church from age 13 yrs to 75. She served as Ward organist under six bishops. She loved music and she was good at it. She played at many funerals and weddings.

She was proud that she could play all of the songs and hymns in the L.D.S. song book. When a song leader would ask "What songs can you play?" she would answer with pride, "I can play any song in the book." She accompanied many who sang solo's or who played musical instruments. She could play any music that was placed before her but she liked to look it over and get it note perfect. She practiced every day and loved to play for an audience. Early morning was the best time in her busy day. Her children woke up to her piano music almost every day they lived at home. She taught them to love and appreciate music. Each child had their favorite and upon their request she would play for them anytime. It was known that once she started a number she had to finish it---this was her rule. She told each child about famous musicians and how certain classical pieces came to be written. Ed loved to tell how Nero burned Rome and the Burning of Rome was the music of his choice.

She played the piano for her husband to sing and she thought he had a beautiful voice on the love songs. In the early part of her marriage friends would gather at her home and spend the evening singing the popular songs of their day. Later she taught Glenna, Barbara, Ardean and Kay to play the trumpet and she played the piano for them when they entertained. Roy and Shirley entertained with singing and she was their teacher. She taught Kay to yodel and his Dad taught him to play the harmonica and guitar. He could and often did put on a one boy show. He sang with his mother playing the piano, usually a religious song. A cowboy song as he played the guitar and yodeled. He was good with a chromonica and at home he played with his Dad. He sang duets with Shirley and at one time they won a contest sponsored by the radio station K.S.L. Hundreds of people of all ages competed in Wasatch County. In Salt Lake singing over the

radio they were the State winners. Ardean sang and played the guitar, Barbara played the piano and trumpet, she played in the B.Y.U. band and in a all girls orchestra. She played the piano in school as teacher in the elementary grades. Kay learned to play the electric guitar and banjo and he played in different orchestras in the army and in California. Glenna played the trumpet in the B.Y.U. band and in a all girl's orchestra. She entertained while she was on a 2 yr mission in the N.W. and again when she was employed a summer at Bryce Canyon Park. Barbara and Glenna played trumpet duets on many programs. Shirley is not good at reading music but she can play anything by ear. Both Shirley & Ardean sing with their husbands. Ed was asked to play the bass horn when the high school band was so popular but his Dad said "no" and that was that. Ed played the harmonica and guitar and he has always loved and appreciated good music. Ardell was Pres. of the M.I.A. and it seemed she was always asked to select numbers for a program. If she was short a number she always had one of her children fill in. Sometimes they had to be bribed with a treat, toy or article of clothing. For many years Roy was asked to sing and entertain at every program in Wasatch Co. He was always called back for as many curtain calls as he would take. He was tired of entertaining but his Mother bought him a cowboy shirt etc he could be coaxed to sing and play. Ardell praised encouraged each child. She also encouraged and helped many young or inexperienced singers with music as she was asked to play the piano for them.

Most of her memories of home and her children and husband were happy ones. In her early married life all of the Clyde Brothers were in the sheep business together. Each spring and fall they

settled their accounts---this was always done at Deans and Ardell's home. They would talk, shout, swear and quarrel for days as they tried to pay their bills and figure out who owed who. She always hated those meetings and was happy when the partnership broke up.

She always remembered the days she lived in homes that had mice. She was afraid of them--if she knew a mouse was in a room she would not enter until it was caught. Her husband worked to fill all holes that he thought a mouse could come through. She would climb on the highest piece of furniture in the room (piano, table or chair) if she saw a mouse. She never went into the cellar or basement of any house for if there was a mouse in the house it was first in the cellar.

Ardell knew the pain of death and she was always willing to help her neighbors, friends or family when they experienced it. She was usually the first to visit with food and to offer any service needed. She cleaned many homes when needed and offered to do anything she could. It was not just at the time of a death in the family that she visited but she took more food and helped after too. Many times she offered a black dress, coat or hat for some friend to wear to the funeral. Later on in her life she sold flowers for the Sugar House Florel in Salt Lake. Most of the sales were given to people at her cost because she wanted to help them. All of her life she ordered flowers for neighbors, friends and church organizations. She was the one to select the kind and colors and to collect the money and to pay the florest. There were some who always forgot to pay and after asking once or twice she would pay for them out of her own money. Her husband helped those in need with money or meat when they were mourning the death of a loved one. He always offered his car to people to use to go to the funeral and cemetery. He would wash it and have it filled with gas and take it to their home with the key. It was

there if they needed it. During their lifetime Ardell and Dean attended most of the funerals of Heber Folks. They had great love for the people of their home town.

Ardell loved beautiful clothes. She had good shape and looked stylish all of her life. She never went to town without being dressed in her best along with gloves and a hat. She sewed some of her dresses but she purchased most of them in Salt Lake or later years in Los Angeles. She went to Salt Lake often with her husband and she could never get enough of shopping. They usually went alone but sometimes they took Grandma Clyde or some of the children. They never missed the Utah State Fair, the Horse Races or the Democratic Convention.

Each spring when the wool was sold Ardell and the older girls went to the Utah Woolen Mills in Salt Lake and selected a wool dress or suit. Wool was traded for dresses and for blankets.

I guess one could say that she had a life of plenty. Plenty of happiness, plenty of sorrow, plenty of money, plenty of kids, relatives and friends.

She was never too busy to visit her father and to have him visit in her home. Midway was 5 miles from Heber, he would ride in his buggy pulled by his horse. Sometimes he brought his 2nd wife Mary but she never came in the house. Dean had told him he was always welcome but he should never bring his wife in his home. She was so mean to Ardell's younger sisters and brothers that Dean wanted nothing to do with her. She would wait in the buggy as it was parked in front of the house. Glenna and Ed always went out to talk to her for sometimes she gave them money. Sometimes she liked them and wanted to love them and other times she would kick at them if they came close. Years after it was found that she was mentally ill---this explained her funny ways.

Ardell always fixed food he liked when he visited. She always took treats to him when she went to his home. He loved to hear her play the piano in her home and in his home she played the organ for him. The children always liked to go to Grandpa Buhlers for they liked to swim in his Hot Pots. (Mineral Hot Water) Mary sometimes gave them candy or money---they were always happy when she was in a good mood. For many years Ardell washed her fathers cloths and saw that his suits were cleaned. In the summer Ardell planned a lunch and after the children had a swim Grandpa would join them in the yard for a picnic.

Ardell loved a nice clean home with green lawns and pretty flowers. Each spring she planted flowers but she never got to enjoy them for a full season --somehow the sheep, cows or horses got through the gates and ruined everything. If there was one thing she hated as much as mice it was little baby lambs. She didn't think they were cute. Dean brought them in her kitchen to keep warm when they were not strong. She helped the children feed them every year and if you have feed baby lambs you know why she disliked the job. For a short time she had her troubles with Ed's billy goat. It made quite a mess around the yard and on her back porch.

Maybe it was because her husband teased her so much but all of their life she got the best of him by playing jokes on him. She practiced medicine without a licence but she had great success with castor oil, epsom salts, mustard plasters and tumeric. One time while living on the farm she forgot to buy some mustard for Deans mustard foot bath. She knew he would be angry so she used tumeric--it was yellow and it cured his cold. She used molasses for geritol, margarine for butter and sulfa tablets for sleeping tablets. She mixed all kinds of things with a little sugar and food coloring--her medicine always made her

husband and children well.

When Shirley was a baby they purchased their first car. It was a Ford, black in color and it had to be cranked. It was exciting to have a car of their own--for years they had borrowed Berts or Mother Clydes for special trips to Salt Lake. This car could be used as a truck or they could put a rumble seat on the back. Their first trip was to Yellowstone Park with some of their friends. Dean and Ardell hauled the camping equipment and the food in their truck and the others traveled in touring cars. There was Wade and Odetta Cummings, Guy and Gladys Duke and. Abe Giles and his family. If Ardell went she had to take her baby, Shirley who was about 5 months old. Every said they would help tend her and they did. Everyone had a wonderful time and they talked about the beauty and wonders of Yellowstone for the rest of their lives.

Glenna and Ed coaxed to drive the car and their Dad took them back and forth to the fields and taught them to drive. They spent many hours trying to crank the car --for their Dad said if you can start it you can drive it. This was hard work but the chance the car would start was worth much spent energy. One cranked while the other sat at the wheel and worked the lever that controlled the spark.

Ardell loved to have company as I have said before. Her sister Bernice lived in Heber and she came to visit almost every day. Her family was welcome any time and she loved to have her brothers live with her at different times. France, Orsen, Rol. and Thurman lived with her at different times while they worked at the mines in Park City. Vesta went of school and then worked in Salt Lake and California after she graduated from High School.

Ardell's home was always her home and she was loved as one of the children by both Ardell and Dean. Thurman spent a few years with the Clydes and it was always home to him too.

He shared a room with Ed. and Ed thought it was wonderful to have him and his boxes of candy in the same room. Thurman loved to punch the boards which were popular at that time and win boxes of candy. Some times there were 30 or 40 boxes piled in the wide window ledges. He always passed candy to the family and left boxes down stairs but a box of candy did not last long with a family of children. Ed loved candy and especially chocolates. Every nite he would eat the candy from the bottom layer of a box of chocolates and put the box back at the bottom of a pile. It was awhile before Thurman noticed that his candy only had a top layer. He didn't care about the candy but he was sure that it was not good for Ed.

Ardell said life in her home on Main Street with her friends and family were the happiest time of her life. She didn't want to give up this home and her happy life but it was necessary to have a change. The great depression that started in 1928-29 was a concern to everyone in the U.S. Thousands lost their jobs, homes, businesses, life savings during the depression. Dean did not lose his sheep until a few years later but he knew hard times were ahead. The McDonald Ranch had been foreclosed and he had a chance to purchase it from the bank at a good price. It was a beautiful ranch about a mile north of Heber. His brother Bert owned a home and land next to it and there were two homes ---one for Mable and Tillie and one for Deans family. If times continued to be hard there was land to grow wheat, potatoes and a garden. There was a barn for the hay and for the cows and horses, pasture land and a place for chickens and pigs. Dean was thrilled with the idea of a large farm where he

would have room for his sheep, be close to his brothers and have security for his family.

When Ardell heard of his plans it was as if the world had come to a end. She hated farm life and she did not want to leave her comfortable home where she had been so very happy. She just knew that her friends would not come to the ranch to visit and she could no longer walk to town when she wanted. She was sure she would be stuck on the ranch without a car and she didn't want any part of it. She cried for months and every time she cried the girls Glenna, Barbara and Shirley joined her. The house was old and there was no electricity, phone or water in the house. Dean was sure they would be able to fix the home as modern as the one they lived in. They would have lights, a phone and water in the houses. He promised to buy her a car and it would be a sedan not a truck.

When Ardell got used to the idea it did not seem so bad. She didn't want to change membership from the First Ward to the 2nd but that was O.K. for she found that she had many friends there. The two McDonald families were angry because they lost their homes so they did every thing possible to destroy the homes. Windows were broken, all of the blinds were carried away, the floors and woodwork were cut and marked and the place was full of dirt and trash. Some of the rooms had to be shoveled out.

When the house was cleaned, painted and repaired it was better than the home in town. It had four bedrooms and all of the rooms were large. There was a cellar where the electric pump was installed for water in the kitchen--still no bathroom. It was a beautiful place, the trees and shrubs and hills were beautiful. There was a large garage and the building had a room

a work shop and storage for machinery. On the back of this building a basketball court was fixed for the children. This was all on the south side of the house. On the north and between the two homes were the other buildings and the large barn which was shared by both families.

Ardell had a new car but it was often used by the Clyde brothers and as she feared she was sometimes without transportation when she had plans to go to town. She never did like the farm but she did not complain and she knew it was a wise move. Glenna and Ed were in 8th and 9th grade in Jr. High, Barbara Roy and Shirley in grade school. The school bus took the children to school and back--they soon made friends with the families who lived north of town--the Youngs, Woottons, Fishers, Huellets, McDonalds and others. If Ed had activities after school he didn't mind walking home but Glenna always stayed at Annie and Berts. Many of the school teachers boarded at the Clydes and it was exciting to stay at Uncle Berts.

In the summer time Melba and Leah (Annie and Bert's adopted children) came the the ranch often in the summer time and they were Glenna and Barbara's best friends. The children could ride horses anytime and there was a canal close by for a swimming pool. In the winter there was a good hill for sleigh riding and skiing. Ardell encouraged the children to invite their friends in the house where she would serve them hot chili and beans. They loved the apple trees in summer and they had swings, letter tarter, trick bars and a place for high jumping. Horse shoe was a popular game and there was plenty of room for a baseball diamond.

The family had never had a telephone in the home--it was a party line but that was interesting at times. Electric lights were soon installed and they had every comfort they were used to. It was a happy life for the family but Ardell longed for the time when she

could leave farm life. She was thankful for a home and food to eat as the depression got worse. There was very little cash but the family had plenty of food and the necessities. The sheep business was bad --it was hard to get a good price for the wool or the lambs. It was necessary to have help from the Wasatch Live Stock and Loan Company in Salt Lake. Dean was lucky that he did not loose his sheep as most of his friends had done. He worried about his family, the family of his brother Miles and about his mother--the future looked bad. He soon found that he had ulcers and he was very nervous. The Doctors in Salt Lake treated him but he seemed to get worse instead of better. He had smoked a pipe for many years started as a young boy. The Dr. told him it would help if he gave this up but he couldn't in his week condition. Both Ardell and Dean had witnessed many healings from the blessings of the Priesthood and thru faith. Dean asked President David A. Brodbent to give him a blessing. He also requested that Don Clyde help in the administration. As they visited Dean told them of his desire to stop smoking and that he needed the help of the Lord. Besides Dean's great faith, Ardell and the children knew that the Lord would help him. As the family knelt down around the bed Don Clyde anointed with oil and Pres. Brodbent gave the blessing. In the name of the Lord he promised Dean that he would be able to stop smoking-- said the desire would leave him from that minute on. Everyone in the room knew the spirit of the Lord was present and they knew that the promises would come true because of the Priesthood and their faith. Dean never smoked again in his life and he testified that the desire was gone. His health improved some but it was many prayers and years later that he was well again. Ardell had such courage-- she never gave up. She was such a pillar of strength to her

husband and to her family. Both Ardell and Dean had witnessed the healing of their good friend Pansy Giles. When Pres. Broadbent had given her a blessing she was raised from almost a death bed. Ardell would never give up. When the Doctors could do nothing more for him but give him drugs to kill the pain she was ready to try something else. One Dr. said his only chance of living was to go to a warm climate like Los Angeles and get away from his work and worries. Many thought they were sending him away to die but Ardell had faith that he would get well.

✓ Ardell left her family and took her husband to Los Angeles. Glenna was 15 years and the baby was only a year old (Ardean). Dean was hard to handle at times but she trusted in the Lord. She worried about the children for the depression was still bad and many strangers stopped at the farm as they traveled on the highway trying to find a job, food to eat or something to steal. She knew that Dean's family would look out for them but the house was so far from anyone.

Vesta met them in L.A and she and her friends helped them find a place to stay in Long Beach. When they were settled and after they had made friends at church Vesta asked what she could do. She was willing to stay and help or she could go home and be with the children. Ardell wanted her to go home and care for her family. Friends from Heber help Ardell and the people and Bishop of the Long Beach Ward (Wright) helped. He knew of a lady doctor who had cured many with her health diet. They both knew that their prayers had been answered when they talked to Dr. Conway. She treated her patients with sea kelp from the sea and with other health foods. First she would have to take all of the drugs away from him, but she was sure she could cure him. This was not easy and sometimes Ardell would have to call on the Bishop or friends for help. With the

help and treatments from Dr. Conway and the prayers and faith of many, Dean started to get better. At the end of the summer he was well enough to go home--he could continue his diet at home. It would be years before he was completely well but Ardell knew that she could care for him now. In just a few months he had improved so much that it was a miracle. In church they both bore testimony that they had witnessed a miracle and they were thankful for the priesthood and the blessings of the Lord.

It was good to be home--people from the church, community, friends and family were glad to have them back. Although he could not do heavy work for awhile he helped supervise the operation of his sheep. One of his good friends Walter O'Tooele was selling cars and operating a service station. He needed a good salesman and he talked Dean into taking the job. He was a good salesman and he did well for awhile. It was at this time that he bought a Plymouth Sedan and told Ardell that it was the car he had promised her. While Dean was still selling cars he thought it would be best if he lived in town. He had decided that he did not like to farm and he planned to run sheep for the rest of his life. Ardell had always told him that he would never be a farmer but the ranch was good while the depression was at its worst.

Ardell and the family were delighted--it would be wonderful to live in town again. There were many homes for sale as people in Heber were still without jobs and loosing their homes. The choice was Walter O'Tooele's home, Reta Dean's or Verner Baird's. They were all modern and Ardell would have liked any of them but as she had her choice she wanted Walter O Tooële's. Years later she said she had decided on that home because it had a small lot or yard. She didn't want room for a barn or a sheep wagon.

Everyone was happy to have a bathroom, it was a beautiful home

smaller than the other homes but the girls were glad to share a bedroom. Glenna, Barbara, Shirley and Ardean had room for two beds and a dresser and they were happy. Ed and Roy shared a bedroom and they also had to have the washing machine and ironing board. There was a full basement but Ardell didn't plan to go down there. She was sure it would have some mice in it.

When they moved into their new home 380 East First North, Dean was still not well but he was improving. He was still bothered with his nerves. This home was back in the First Ward and the family was happy to be with friends they had known all of their lives. Everyone went to church faithfully and the family continued to have family prayers. Because of his work Dean did not always attend church but from the time he was blessed and healed he never missed. Ardell was given a job at once--she played the organ and was called to work in the M.I.A.

About one year after they moved into their new home Ardell gave birth to her 7th child. She named him after her Doctor, Russell Wheritt. Russell Kay Clyde was a beautiful blond boy with brown eyes. He was born the 17th of May 1930. He was good natured and happy, all of the family enjoyed him. Barbara was the one who took care of him the most.

Those were busy days for Ardell, although the children were old enough to help she still had a family of eight to cook three meals a day for. She always had company and every one who visited were welcome to eat. Each child had their friends and the neighborhood kids were always there. She welcomed anyone and everyone all of her life.

She was busy in the church and also in community affairs. She was president of the Wasatch High Band Mothers. They raised money for new band uniforms and help with money for many special trips. Glenna and Barbara played trumpet duets on many programs and she always accompanied them on the piano and furnished transportation. Some Sunday nites they

would play for two or three sacrament meetings. (Those were the days when musical instruments were used for worship) Roy and Shirley played and sang on programs all over the state. They won the K.S.I music contest--first winners of Wasatch and then the first place winners on the radio. Roy played for six or seven years and Ardell helped him as she did the other children. He was in demand several times a week. He would get so tired of singing and playing that he had to be coaxed and bribed. She enjoyed her family--she loved to have all of them home.

Glenna graduated from High School in 1934 and that fall went to the B.Y.U. The next year Ed graduated and he went to the B.Y.U. That year Glenn was called on a mission and she left for the Northwestern States Mission the last day of Oct. The depression was still on but Dean still had the sheep. It was hard to send money to Glenna but they were blessed so that they could. They were able to help Ed some but he worked and paid most of his expenses.

The year Glenna returned home Ed was in school and Barbara was working her way at the B.Y.U. too. 1937-38 the Wasatch Loan Co. took over Dean's sheep. He didn't owe near as much as other sheep men in Utah but they foreclosed on him. Dean said it was not fair and he decided to take it to court. He got Mr Sklen to take his case and he had the reputation of the best in the State. They were in court for almost a year when the judge, who was over 90 yrs ruled in favor of the Wasatch Loan. It was not fair and it took Dean awhile to get over the injustice. Ed was going to the B.Y.U and planning to be a lawyer, he went to court as often as he could. He decided that the law should be changed--it was not right for a man to loose his life's earnings because a judge favored a loan company. He was not allowed to sell anything to pay the money owed. Ed vowed that he would work to change this law and when he

was established in law he was instrumental in getting a new law in the State of Utah. It was too late to help his Dad but he was happy to know that this injustice would not happen again to anyone in the State. Dean knew that the officers in the Wasatch Loan Co. wanted his sheep because they were the best in the country.

It was hard for Dean to take a job as a common laborer. All of his married life he had been the boss and hired men to work for him. Ed and Barbara were both attending the B.Y.U. and Glenna was home from her mission. He wanted to help Ed and Barbara but the best he could do was earn enough for the family at home. He worked on the State roads for a short time. He was not trained for anything special and he was discouraged.. Ardell tried to help him and she told him over and over that he was too young to give up. It was not too late to start over. Glenna was working but her wages could do little more than help buy food.

One of his friends Elwin Lowery was in the insurance business and when he asked Dean if he would come and work with him,, both Ardell and Dean knew that their prayers had been answered. Dean knew most of the sheep and cattle men in the state and Mr. Lowery wanted to sell to his friends. Dean made the contacts and Elwin sold the insurance--the money was split half and half. Everyone who knew Dean knew he was honest and because they could trust him they had trust in Mr. Lowery and the Insurance Co. They sold for Franklin Ins. at first but soon changed to Lincoln Life. The first 4 or 5 years the Lowery and Clyde team sold more insurance than anyone in the company. They won several nice trips in the U.S with all expenses paid. Their big success was in annuities and it was not long until they had sold to most of the money men in the state. Dean and Ardell made a lot of new friends and they

loved to travel. Dean was once more a success and he could provide for his family. He helped many people, especially widows with their insurance policy's--he found that many held worthless policy's and they had paid the premiums for years.

In the beginning of World War the nation was thinking of war and defence. Mr Lowery had a chance to move to Los Angeles and work for G.E. Kinsey who was a millionaire. He needed someone to over see his property and to supervise his large cattle ranch near Gorman, Calif. Good men were hard to find as the shipyards and defense plants were paying high wages. Mr. Kinsey was looking for someone he could trust. Mr. Lowery said he would take the job if he could have his friend Dean as foreman of the ranch. When Dean met and talked to Mr. Kinsey the wages were good and he promised Dean if he work for him for a few years he would set him up in the sheep business again. Neither Dean or Ardell wanted to leave Heber or their home but they saw a way to get started again in the sheep. Mr. Lowery was really coaxing them too as his wife and family did not want to live in Calif. but if the Clydes went that would help.

Both Glenna and Ed and Barbara were married but Shirley, Ardean and Kay did not want to move to California and make new friends in a new school. Barbara who lived in Heber said she would care for Shirley and Ardean. It would be crowded but they could make out until summer. Her husband Eldon was in the army and they had a young baby, Brent. Kay was only 11 or 12 so he went to Ca. with his parents.

Both Glenna, Hugh and family and Bonnie, John and family lived in Los Angeles so Ardell knew they could visit each other. They rented their home furnished and stored some of their personal

things in one bedroom and locked the door.

Dean took over the management of the ranch and he was happy with the challenge. He had a unlimited expense account and in the days when there was a shortage of many things they had anything they wanted at the ranch. Some of the help had worked on the ranch for years and most of them were stealing everything they could. When Dean took over he expected everyone to be honest--that was the only way he could live. Good help was hard to find as there was a man shortage. The war was going strong and every able bodied man and woman were in defence. Dean soon made friends with the neighbors and the ones who worked on the ranch. They admired him for being honest and knew they could trust him to treat them fair. He was busy from day light to sun set getting things in order. Dean could always do the work of two men as could Ardell do the work of two.

Ardell was expected to sit all day--they were given a beautiful cottage close to Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey's mansion. She was not content to talk to the servants and to visit with Mrs Kinsey once in awhile. All of the activity was at the big house where a cook was hired, a handy man and where the hired men stayed. Ardell decided that she would like to be the cook and live in that large house. It would be lots of work for her but she wanted to keep busy. They would all be more to home with people around. Mr. Kinsey thought she was crazy but he understood. He said that he would pay her a salary too and that she could put anything she needed on the expense account. Ardell loved to cook and she was happy when she received praise for her delicious food. Mr. Kinsey asked if he could bring his friends and businessmen to lunch or breakfast. He too and all of the guests gave her compliments on her cooking. She didn't like to take money from them but many gave her gifts as a thank you. She could hire help when she needed it but

she was used to hard work and did much of the work herself. Fred was a big help, he run all of the errands and helped with anything he could. He was happy to have Ardell and family for friends. He was alone and had few friends. In the spring Ardean and Shirley came to the ranch. They helped serve food when there were special guests and they were always given good tips. Fred really was happy because he enjoyed them. They made freinds there and had a good summer at the ranch but when school started they went back to Heber. Glenna, Bonnie and famalies visited the ranch often. Ardell always fixed a delicious dinner and she served the hard to get foods like catsup, jello, bananas, pineapple, things made of sugar, whip cream and a real butter. It was fun to play baseball and other games with the family and the hired help.

The ranch was beautiful and they were very happy. They missed friends in Heber and they missed church. Dean had hired a cousin from Utah and Sid, Fontella and 9 children lived on the ranch. They also missed church. As soon as Ardell moved to the big house she planned to organize a sunday school. The rooms were large and they had a piano. The called for the branch president to come for a visit and he was happy to organize a sunday school. He visited each sunday and brought missionarys or other church members. They had some wonderful meetings with the few church members around and others who joined them.

When the war was over Dean and Ardell were anxious to go back to Utah. They had worked hard and they could leave the ranch in good condition. They were both homesick and they wanted to be home to be with Shirley and Ardean. Kay liked the ranch but it had been lonely for him. Mr Kinsey thanked them and said he was sorry to see them go but he understood. He appreciated the money they had

saved and he told them they were the only honest people he had ever had at the ranch. He realized what others had taken from him. He did not mention his promise to help Dean get another sheep-herd but they thought he would do it later. They waited and waited but he never did come through with his promise. Mr Lowery who was still working for him waited too for him to help Dean. When he didn't keep his word with Mr Lowery --he knew he had better go back to Utah too. Both families were disappointed but they had some good experiences. They could have stolen enough from Mr Kinsey to make the years they worked for him very profitable. They found out that the rich give few rewards. They were happy they had been honest and they would go on with their lives. This was the fall of 1946. Heber was such a wonderful home, everyone welcomed them back and they said they would never leave again.

Shirley was married that fall so now there were only two children at home, Ardean and Russell Kay. Ardell had missed her grandchildren, she was happy to have Ed and family visit. Barbara lived in Heber and taught school. She had hired Dove and Arvil McAfee to tend her son Brent while she was in school but now Ardell wanted to take care of him. He was at her home so much that he seemed like one of her own.

Dean went back to selling life insurance and Ardell decided she wanted to work. Her cousin George Barben and his wife Charlette had just purchased the Hub Cafe. George came to Ardell for help as they didn't know anyone in Heber. He asked about who he should hire and he asked her if she would take care of the money each day for him. He would pay her and it would be such a big favor to him. This was the way it all started---soon Ardell said she would manage the nice shift and then she was a part time cook. They had a good business, Ardell had always wanted to sell her scones, biscuits, pies (meat & other)

and noodles. The customers were coming for her cooking so she took over the job of cook. She enjoyed working for George as he let her have her say about everything. When he moved his family to Heber from Park City then Ardell worked shorter hours. Dean didn't like her to work but they could use the money and she liked it. She wanted to work long enough to build up her social security. She got Kay a job helping in the kitchen for the summer. George asked her to close up some nites when he and his wife wanted to get away. Dean helped her close up and carry the money home or put it in the safe. She couldn't have done this without him. When George sold he gave Ardell first chance to buy but she didn't want the responsibility at her age. The new owner wanted her to stay on but she had better offers from the Wagon Wheel and Chick's Cafe. At Chick's Cafe she started her scones and as it was a block from the high school the kids swarmed the cafe ---scones with butter and jelly was a big seller. The profit was good and she was glad to make a success of selling scones.

Ardell worked only enough to get her social security which was part time. She had time for her church activities and time for her friends and family---she refused to work on Sunday -- no one expected her to.

They did a lot of visiting with friends some of them were: Wade and Odella Cummings, Guy and Gladys Duke, The Fitzgeralds, Don and Kate Clyde, Dove and Arvel McAfee, The Prices, Aldouses, Bert and Annie, George and Florence Nelson and others. Ardell made a trip to Los Angeles to see Glenn and Bonnie as often as she could.

Ardell always liked to have her own money although her husband made a good living most of his life she usually had a project.

Her first selling job was when the children were young and Dean was at the sheep herd a lot of the time. She took orders for Christmas cards and had the name printed. At first she got them for her friends at her cost and then she decided to make some money and go out selling. As soon as a card was ordered she took it from the book for people in Heber didn't want to send out the same card. This lasted for a few years until others started to sell cards. She was a good salesperson and she liked to sell. There were a few other things but nothing big. Her husband always objected to her selling. Later in her life she started to get orders of flowers for funerals from a florist in Sugar House. At first it was for the family, church and friends but when the florist offered her a good commission to work for him she accepted. She was soon taking orders for Decoration Day and for graduation and other school dances. Sugar House Florist had fresher and nicer flowers than the florist in Heber and he was willing to bring any amount of flowers to Heber. It was a mad house on Decoration Day and she had to have help. Barbara, Ardean and Bonnie helped her for many years. Besides the flowers she always had family and friends from out of town and she insisted on fixing lunch for everyone who called in. She made good money but when a good florist came to town she decided she would give up the flower business.

When she stopped working at the cafe's different people would tell her how they missed her meat pies. She decided to make them and sell them frozen by the dozen. She could have sold more than she could make but she sold them to only her friends as a favor. Ed bought her a new stove with a double oven and this was a great help. She had a large freezer to store the pies. She enjoyed making them and hearing the praise she received. If company came and she had a lot, she would invite them to stay and have a meat pie. Not many refused the treat.

She continued to work in the Relief Society, she taught the young girls in M.I.A. for many years. She was an excellent leader and teacher. She cared about people and she was always helping someone.

When the First Ward Meeting House was remodeled and added onto, a new organ was purchased. Roy Darley who was one of the tabernacle organists offered to give organ lessons in Heber. Ardell was so happy that she could take lessons from him. He gave lessons all day at the church. Ardell invited him to her home, which was a block away, to have lunch. He came once and she served him meat pie from that time on it was a special invitation to come each week for lunch. They got to be good friends over the months. He told her he would like to meet her daughter Glenna from Calif. when she came for vacation. (he had met the rest of the family) He invited her to come to the S.L. Tabernacle for one of his broadcasts and after he would show her the organ up close and let her play it. When Glenna came they went to Salt Lake and there she was shown how to work the keys and she played the great organ. This was something she had dreamed of all her life.

Ardell had a happy life with her husband and her family, except for her husband's illness they had all been healthy. Dean often said how lucky they were to have had no deaths or great sorrows.

In 1954 Glenna's husband passed away. (George Hugh Nelson) He left his wife and three children 12, 8, 4 years and this was sad. Both Ardell and Dean were such a comfort to them. Ed had a serious operation after he was married but he got better. Barbara almost died when her first child was born and this was a sad time for all. Shirley and Ardean were ill for a time but they both got

well and lived a happy life. Kay's first baby was ill and did not live long. Ardell and Dean worried every day when Roy was fighting in the war. There were anxious days for his safety. So they did have times of sickness, worry and sorrow. They were always close to their children and when they had sorrow it was felt deeply by father and mother. They could and did count their blessing and they thanked God every day for their happiness.

In 1955 Ed bought the Huelet Stewert Ranch in Woodland. This was a great event for the ranch was one of the largest and best ranches in the State. Ed had made a name for himself in the field of law--the family was so proud of him--especially his mother. His Dad did a lot of bragging--he was so happy for Ed to buy the ranch that he could talk of nothing else. Ed subdivided part of the land and sold it for summer homes. With this money he was able to develop the ranch and stock it with cattle. He coaxed his sister Ardean and her husband Arvin Anderson to move from Montana and take care of the ranch. They have been there for thirty years. They did a good job for Ed and in connection with this Arvin has large amounts of land and cattle.

Ardell was happy to have Ardean and Arvin close again. Ed asked his Dad to help him get the ranch organized. This made Dean happy for he felt like what Ed had was partly his. Ed hired him and paid in as much social security as he could. Dean needed about one more year of credits. He worked hard although Ed just wanted him to put in his time.

They had planned for years to travel when they both got their social security. They were not able to do this for Dean had a few small strokes and he did not feel well. He only collected a few checks when his health failed him. Ardell cared for him as long as she could at home but in time he had to be taken to a rest home in

American Fork. He didn't want to go but his memory was not good at times and Ardell had ruined her health trying to care for him. He lived about a year in the rest home and passed away 29th of June, 1961. He was buried in Heber 3rd of July 1961.

Ardell never did get over his death, she was so alone. She had lots of friends and the family visited every day but she did not want to be alone for a minute. She visited her children and went on a few trips but she was not happy. Barbara, Ardean, Ed and Bonni did all they could for her. She was always welcome at Shirleys too.

On her 75th birthday Ardean had a party for her at the ranch. She was happy to have all of her family and many friends celebrate with her. It was not long after that that she had trouble with her heart and went to the Heber Hospital. She spent some time in the hospital part where the patients could care for themselves. She liked to be there for she had company nite and day. She also had the care of nurses and the Doctor at anytime. She visited with the patients, the pink ladies and many of her friends came to see her. She played the piano for the church services and to entertain anyone who wanted to hear music. She liked to take patients for a ride in the wheel chair. She visited and was good to everyone.

The family coaxed her to come home and see if she could be happy there. They wanted to hire some one to come in for a few hours a day but she said she wanted to care for herself.

She wanted to go back to the hospital and then to visit her home when she wanted. She was content to stay there until the day she died. The last day she was out of the hospital for a full day was for her 80th Birthday party. The party was planned by her children and it was held in her home. She was happy to have her children with her as they had not all been together for

many years. She wanted a family photo and she was happy when the photos turned out good. The party was August 30th, 1972. It was a beautiful day and the guests were greeted on the lawn. She greeted 400 that afternoon and her mind was so clear that she called every one by name. Many of her friends and family members she had not seen for years but she remembered every one. Many of her friends had passed away and many were ill but if they could get there they came. Every one loved Ardean, throughout her life she had helped and influenced many in all walks of life. Young and old came to honor her and to say "Thank You for Making My Life Better".

The next year she was in the hospital most of the time, leaving only to go for a car ride with some of her family. She was in pain much of the time and she said she was ready to die. She did not complain much and she was always happy for company.

She always said she did not want to be alone when she died. Her wish was granted for Ardean was holding her hand and Barbara was close by. Bonnie, Ed and Shirley had spent time with her the day before. She passed away 8th of Feb. 1974 and was buried Feb. 11, 1974 in the Heber Cemetery.

She looked beautiful dressed in her temple clothes. She had a smile on her face and was at peace. Her memory will never die.

~~She was a devoted and loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and~~ friend. She did good all of her life. I am sure she is happy with her loved ones in another place and that her reward will be great.

We give thanks for her life, for the privilege of having her for our mother. What did we ever do to deserve this great blessing?

She was survived by all of her children, her sister Bonnie, and brothers France, Orsen, Will and Alma. Grandchildren: Clyde, Pat & Ron Nelson; Carolyn, Steven, Susan & Tom Clyde; Brent and Annette Allred; Jonnie, Brands & Jim McNaughton; Jeff, Robert & Roy Anderson; Kellie, Marvin

Clyde. Great grand children: Clyde Nelson Jr., Ondra, Suezette and Michelle Nelson; Julie Dunn; Valerie, Pamela, Steven & Jason Allred, and Gary & Spencer Dunn.

She loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren and I am sure she rejoices with her husband every time a new little child leaves heaven and comes to live with some of her family.

P.S. Sorry-- While the family lived on the ranch Ardean was born. Clara Ardean Clyde was born the 5th day of Feb. 1930. She was the 6th child and she was named for her mother, Father and Grandmother Clara Clyde. She was born in her Grandmother's home and Lilly helped care for her. Ardean was dark with black eyes and hair. She was a happy and sweet child and everyone in the family loved and enjoyed her. She has been the one in the family who has tried to keep the Clyde's together. She and Barbara have planned many parties and gatherings for the entire family.